

Dhaka Day by Day Man and Machine

by Nico den Tuinder

Every now and then I have to get some money. This is a nightmare. At my bank's headoffice in Motijheel, cashing personal cheque requires a pen, a personal cheque, a credit card, a credit card slip, a credit card printer, a currency table, a pocket calculator, a computer, a printer, paper, a paperclip, a stamp, a government form, a passport, travellers' cheques, two employees and two counters, and 30 minutes of my valuable time. I have developed a great respect for the bank's employees. When they manage to produce quite an amount of Taka with all the paperwork involved, they must be financial geniuses.

Getting money is no problem in my home country. Automatic Teller Machines spew out something like Taka 10,000 faster than the time I take to drink a cup of *dudh* (milk). I insert my credit card into the machine, type my personal identification number, and it starts coughing up fresh and crisp banknotes. At the end the monitor requests me to take my bank slip. The piece of paper says: "Thank you for banking with us; have a nice day".

Back home daily life is controlled by machines. The electronic alarm clock wakes me up at 6.30. One hour later, I take the suburban railway; an electronic eye registers my passing through the gate. I buy a ticket for the train out of a machine. I have to present a magnetic card

to an electromagnetic device to open the gate to my office. Then I throw some coins into the coffee machine. My office is stocked with computers, faxes, and telephones. At home I relax with the help of a TV, a cd player, or a game on my computer.

Sounds great, huh? Indeed, as long as the gadgets do not organise a hartal. When the ATM has yielded all its banknotes, it simply declines any further work. When there is a virus in my computer, I lose my files. When the robot *chaukidar* malfunctions, I cannot enter my own office! I am simply helpless when the electricity supply fails. The computer on which I am writing this piece, can run on a battery for something like an hour. It then puts itself automatically to sleep, kindly saying "Good-night!" No more work until the power supply is restored. Bangladeshis can keep each other busy for hours, gossiping, playing ludo or attending a road

side performance. We have lost this ability in the West, having become utterly dependent on the idiot box for our entertainment. Have you seen all the dish antennae in Baridhara?

Machines are heartless. A coffee machine in Bangladesh talks, laughs and has a name. And so does the washing machine and the door-opener. But these jobs can exist only at the grace of low wages.



The wonder of machine

Programmes to celebrate 100 yrs of cinema

A committee comprising film-makers, actors and intellectuals has drawn-up a year-long programme to celebrate the "100 Years of Cinema" next year, reports UNB.

The Committee for Centenary Celebration of Cinema announced this at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, saying that the programme would include a colourful rally, film show, exhibition, seminar, symposium, meetings and cultural show.

The colourful rally from the FDC (Film Development Corporation) square on January 1, 1995 will mark the beginning of the programme. Eminent personalities associated with the film industry will take part in the rally. An open film show will be arranged at Shahbagh on the day.

The committee will organise a special week-long exhibition on the past, present and future of films in March to give the viewers a complete idea about the history of film and its future prospects.

A seminar on "films of the century and our achievement" will be arranged in May, a month-long film sessions in September and a session of Bangladesh films in November.

The concluding function will be held on December 28, 1995, to mark a centenary of cinema. On this day in 1895, the first commercial film was shown in Paris.

Addressing the press conference, member secretary of

the executive council of the committee Morshedul Islam urged all concerned to make the centenary programme a success.

The expenses for the year-long programme has been estimated at Tk 20 lakh which will be collected from the sponsors and advertisements of commercial organisations, he said.

A 111-member general committee with journalist Obaidul Haq as chairman and a 17-member executive committee with film-maker Habibur Rahman Khan as Convenor have been formed.

Programme to observe Tajuddin's birth anniversary

Tajuddin Smriti Sangsad has organised an elaborate programme to observe the 69th birth anniversary of country's first prime minister and a great freedom fighter late Tajuddin Ahmad on July 23, reports BSS.

The day-long programme includes *milad mahfil*, Quran Khwani and feeding of destitutes at his residence in Dhanmondi residential area and at village home at Dardaria under Kapasia thana of Gazipur district, a sangsad press release said here yesterday.

Besides, a juvenile art competition will be held at the premises of the Art Institute here on July 22.

Dr. Silva due today

Dr Hudson de Silva, the pioneer of the world-wide eye donation movement, arrives in Dhaka today to receive the Rear Admiral Mahub Ali Khan Memorial Gold Medal, reports UNB.

Dr Silva, a Sri Lankan national, will be accompanied by his wife Padma Irangani Silva, said a press release.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will distribute the awards at a function on Friday at 5 pm at Hotel Sheraton.

Noted paediatrician and social worker Prof Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury will also receive the award for the year 1992 for his outstanding contribution to the country's health sector while the famous team, which identified the poisonous paracetamol under the guidance of Prof Hanif, will be awarded for the year 1993.

Green Bank founder Dr. Muhammad Yunus will receive the award for 1993 for his contribution to the country's socio-economic development. Rear Admiral Mahub Ali Khan memorial gold medal have been introduced in 1993 to encourage the physicians of the seven-member SAARC countries.

Family members of the late Navy Chief in 1985 also arranged awards after the name of MA Khan for the meritorious students.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and Navy Chief Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam will attend the function as special guests.



Visitors at the fortnight-long solo art exhibition by Momirul Islam Reza which began at the Shilpakola Academy in the city yesterday.

'Unplanned felling of trees causes natural disaster'

State Minister for Industries Lutfur Rahman Khan yesterday said there is no other alternative to tree plantation to save the country from natural disaster, reports UNB.

He said unplanned felling of trees is the main cause of the country's natural disaster. The minister was addressing as chief guest a seminar on "Plant Tree and Save the Country" arranged by the Organisation for Industrial Spiritual and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) International Bangladesh Chapter in collaboration with the Agrani Balika Biddalaya at its premises in the city.

He said the government has taken community afforestation programme to save the country from natural disaster and develop a congenial socio-eco-

nomie atmosphere for the common people.

"We have to plant trees in a large scale," the minister said and sought full cooperation of all concerned to make community afforestation a success, said an official handout.

Khan urged the different NGOs to take an effective programme to motivate the masses at the grass-root level about environmental awareness and tree plantation.

President, OISCA national chapter, AKM Emdadul Haque presented the key-note paper in the seminar.

Earlier, the state minister planted a sapling at the school premises.

Among others, NI Khan, secretary, OISCA, national chapter also spoke in the seminar.

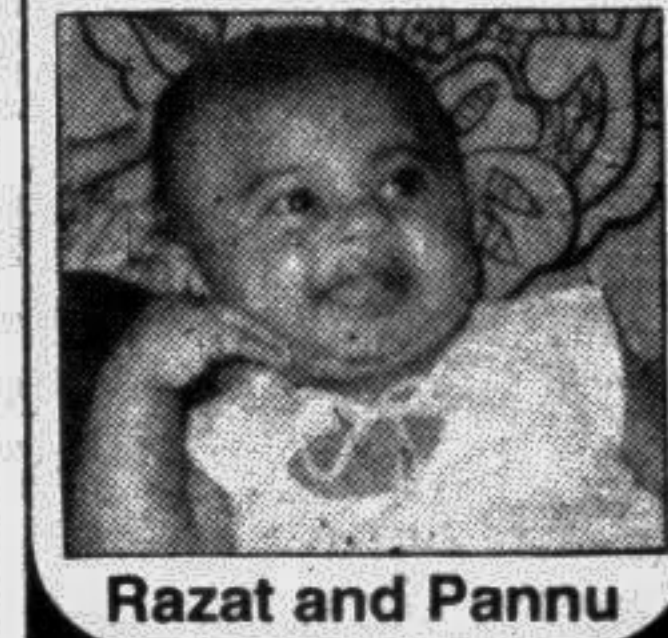
Condition of Samad Azad improving

Condition of ailing Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad has started improving, reports UNB.

Azad was admitted to the Suhrawardy Hospital on July 13 with heart ailment.

Political leaders, MPs and admirers went to see him at the hospital.

Happy Birthday to RIFFAT

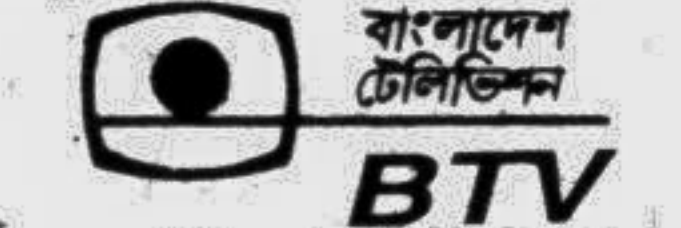


Razat and Pannu

Body to recommend on benefits to teachers

The Ministry of Education has instituted a committee, headed by the Education Secretary, to formulate recommendations for materialising promises made by the government to provide benefits to the teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions, reports BSS.

A notification issued by the government recently said the committee would also prepare recommendations after examining the demands raised by different non-government teachers' associations, which have no financial implications.



Tuesday
4:30 Opening announcement Al-Quran, Programme summary
4:45 Esho Para Shikhi: Mass Education
5:10 News in Bangla
5:20 Comedy Series: Coach
5:45 National TV debate competition
6:30 Open University
7:25 Musical programme: Sangeeta
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Fortnight drama serial: Tathapi
10:00 News in English
10:30 Film Show: Northern Exposure
11:30 Khabar/The News.
11:45 Closing.

What's on today . . .

Zahir Raihan Film Society: A Bangla Film 'Ghuddi' directed by Syed Salauddin Zaki will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 6pm.

Chhayatan: Organises a programme in memory of late Jahanara Imam. Venue: WVA auditorium, House 405, Road 27, Dhanmondi. Time: 7 pm.

Memorial Meet: Bangladesh Juba Union central committee organises a discussion on late Jahanara Imam. Speakers: Dr Khan Sarwar Murshid, Syed Hasan Imam, Aly Zaker, Lt Col (Retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, Mahub Zaman and Lucky Imam. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Seminar: On 'The Role of Mass Media in Promoting Books' organised by the Jatiya Grantha Kendra. Chief guest: Minister for Information Nazmul Huda. Special guests: Prof Jahan Ara Begum, Minister for Cultural Affairs and Md Mokhlesur Rahman, Ministry of Cultural Affairs. DU Pro-Vc Waqil Ahmed will preside. Venue: Jatiya Grantha Kendra auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Certificate-awarding Ceremony: Of the Computer Training Centre under the women's vocational training for population activities project of the Women's Affairs Directorate. Chief guest: Begum Sarwar Rahman, State Minister in charge of the Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs. Special guest: John J Scott, High Commissioner of Canada. Muhammad Enamul Huq, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs will preside. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 11am.

BELA Seminar: On 'In Search of Legal Research'. Chief guest: Justice M Habibur Rahman. Guest speaker: Gazi Shamsur Rahman. BELA chairman Prof KAA Quamruddin will preside. Acting Representative of the Asia Foundation, Dhaka Kim McQuay will formally donate books and research materials to BELA. Venue: BELA conference room at House No 47, Road No 5, Dhanmondi. Time: 4 pm.

Weather

Rain with gusty wind likely

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty wind is likely at most places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and at many places over Dhaka and Chittagong divisions during the next 24 hours till 6 pm Tuesday, reports UNB.

Met Office said these may also occur at few places over Rajshahi division and with moderately heavy falls at places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions during the period.

It said day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius throughout the country.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.8 in Sreemongal and the lowest 24.2 in Sylhet yesterday.

Sun sets today (Tuesday) at 6:48 pm and rises tomorrow Wednesday at 5:22 am.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity of some major cities/towns recorded yesterday were:

City/Town:	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	32.4	26.7	85	77
Chittagong	28.5	25.0	95	83
Rajshahi	31.8	26.4	88	85
Khulna	32.1	26.5	80	85
Barisal	33.0	26.6	86	89
Sylhet	33.5	24.2	82	94
Dinajpur	33.2	26.6	78	73
Cox's Bazar	27.5	25.5	96	97

Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation

"Krishi Bhaban"
49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.

RE-TENDER NOTICE

- Tender No : 2/93-94.
- Place of selling of tender : a) Cashier Krishi Bhaban (3rd floor), 49-51, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka. b) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Dhaka Region, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
- Place of dropping of tender : a) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), BADC, Dhaka. b) Office of the Executive Engineer (C), BADC, Dhaka Region, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
- Last date of purchasing tender document : 27-07-94 (during office hours).
- Date & time of dropping tender : 28-07-94 (up to 12.00 Noon).
- Date & time of opening tender : 28-07-94 at 12-15 PM.
- Eligibility of contractor : 1st class enlisted electrical contractor of BADC, Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous organisations.

SI No	Name & place of work	Estimated amount (in Tk)	Earnest money (in Tk)	Cost of tender document (non-refundable)	Time for completion
1.	Construction of HT line, renovation of LT line & installation of meter at Mirpur Staff Quarter, BADC, Dhaka.	9,82,150.09	25,000/-	500.00	60 days from the date of work order.

8. Tenderer will have to enclose money receipt (against purchase of schedule) attested photocopy of their valid contractor and supervisory licence, enlistment in other organisation.

10. Earnest money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of "BADC, Dhaka" shall have to be submitted along with the tender, failing which the tender will be treated as informal.

11. Contractors quoting rate more than 10% above or below the estimated cost shall have to submit itemwise analysis of rates. If the analysis of rates do not tally with the market rates or found incomplete or there be any mistake the tender may be treated as informal.

12. Any other information, if necessary may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days.

13. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

ADC-2625
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Md Rafiqul Haq Khan
Chief Engineer (Constn)
BADC, Dhaka.

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Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Subsidiary Company of Petrobangla)

Ref. No.11.24.08/Services Date: 9th July, 1994

পাছ লাগান; পাছের পরিচর্যা করুন এবং পরিবেশ বাচান — প্রধানমন্ত্রী

International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, PO Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh from bonafide Service Company/Suppliers or their Local Agents who are competent to render the following services:

Sl. No.	Description	Tender Number	Price of Tender Schedule
1.	Cementation Services	SGFL/FP-6/94	US\$ 38.00 or Tk 1500/=
2.	DST, Production Testing and Wireline Services	SGFL/FP-7/94	US\$ 38.00 or Tk 1500/=
3.	Wireline Logging Services	SGFL/FP-8/94	US \$ 63.00 or Tk 2500/=

Tender documents may be purchased upto 01.09.1994 during office hours from the following addresses:

- Accounts Division, Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, PO - Chiknagool, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
- Dhaka Liaison Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, 74/B, Green Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Accounts Division, Titas Gas T & D Company Limited, 11, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Accounts Division, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Co. Ltd, HBFC Building, 22 Purana Paltan, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Dhaka Liaison Office, Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd, 47, Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Dhaka Liaison Office, Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited, Plot No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Dhaka Liaison Office, Jalalabad Gas System Limited, Sector-4, Plot No. 5, Road 20/B, Uttara, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Tender documents will be received at the places mentioned above upto 11:00 Hrs (BST) on 03.09.1994 and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 Hrs in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any. In case the day is declared as Govt. Holiday, the next working day will be fixed for receiving and opening of the tenders at the same time and places.

No tender documents will be sold on the day of tender opening. SGFL management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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